

The above shows close co-operation, for whatever reason, between the state-supported Pakistan Ulama Council and the Khatme Nabuwat Organization. This flyer was also posted on social media.

It is amazing how insecure these mullas feel in the context of Ahmadiyyat, that in the face of an imaginary challenge they leave no stone unturned to oppose Ahmadis. They issued a notice to the social workers telling them—“Be careful to ensure that there is no Qadiani product in your “ration package” (meant for distribution).” In fact they produced another video (2:11) showing ‘ration packs’ provided by Ahmadis and Shias being refused and returned by the Sunni recipients. The video maker could not hide telling others to shout *Tajdar Khatme Nabuwat—Zinda Baad* and *Qadianiat—Murdah Baad* (death to it). We, of course, do not know the eventual disposal of those packs and their beneficiaries.

The vernacular press like the daily *Ummat* of Karachi did not miss to claim its own pound of flesh from this hateful campaign. It published a long-winded story of Ahmadiyya relief efforts, partly true, partly false; however, the headlines given are noteworthy:

**Qadiani network in action in the guise of social service
Simple people are being netted through NGO Humanity First**

**Apostatic activities proliferate in poor neighborhoods
all over the country including Karachi**

Tharparkar is the epicenter

Recipients are made to deposit their identify cards

Last, but not least, Ahmadis were not deterred by this vicious and hostile propaganda and continued to provide relief to the needy. Ahmadiyya office in Rabwah issued another press release on May 1, 2020 giving the following facts and figures of their relief campaign (*salient features*):

Since the Covid-19 pandemic broke out in Pakistan, the (Ahmadiyya) Community has:

- Distributed 72,400,000 Rs. worth of ration packs to 23767 disadvantaged homes as well

as 7, 500,000 Rs. worth of cash to those most in need

- Provided 576,110 Rs. worth of medicines to 31476 homes
- Distributed over 77,000 bottles of hand sanitizers, 6686 facemasks and 8084 bars of soap
- Donated 600 PPE suits to frontline medical workers
- Disseminated 71,032 coronavirus awareness leaflets
- Donated 3,000,000 Rs. to the Prime Minister’s Coronavirus Relief Fund and have pledged to donate a further 5,000,000 Rs.
- Thousands of young Ahmadis have also registered for the Prime Minister’s coronavirus relief force
- Disinfected all of Rabwah’s residential areas and roads, public offices, worship places of other sects including Christian neighborhoods and churches with chlorinated water

The press release concluded as below:

“As ever the Ahmadi community has always endeavored to help and assist Pakistan in its moment of need and will always continue to do so, and no amount of hatred and hostility will ever stop us in this. Love for our country is a part of our faith and because of that we are ever ready to sacrifice anything for Pakistan.

We believe that sooner or later our beloved people in Pakistan will have to decide what type of nation we will become, one that is compassionate and believes in love or one that believes in hate and discrimination. No matter what anyone tells you, love prevails over hate.

Every time!

Ahmadis shall not be nominated on National Commission for Minorities—a government decision

April 2020: The month of April was witness to a noteworthy event concerning government attitude towards political, social and citizen rights

of Ahmadis in the country. It is fit for record and archives.

Near the end of March, there were news in media regarding government decision to nominate Ahmadi on the National Commission for Minorities (NCM). For example, TV channel 92 News gave as Breaking News on March 29, 2020 that the Imran Khan government had approved in principle nomination of a Qadiani on NCM for being a minority. Social media mentioned that it was decided in the cabinet meeting that the head of this Commission would be from the minorities. There would be 7 official members and 8 non-official members in the Commission (sic).

An initial reaction that was of approval came forth surprisingly from the Lal Masjid of Islamabad (where mulla Abdul Aziz acts the Khateeb). The reaction claimed PM Imran Khan's decision to be very sagacious as this would compel 'Qadianis' to accept their Non-Muslim status. "This decision is historic and a defeat for Qadianis", the statement expounded. This statement in vernacular was disseminated on social media.

Mulla Tahir Ashrafi, Chairman of the state-supported Pakistan Ulama Council wanted his own pound of flesh out of this development. He made a video statement (3:07), and uploaded it on social media. He based his view on premise that "Qadianis do not accept the Constitution."

This is a lie because having a different opinion on one or two clauses of the Constitution does not mean rejection of the whole. Anyway, Ashrafi demanded that prior to nomination of an Ahmadi on the Commission, the government should announce that they are being included as Non-Muslims, also it should require of Qadianis to announce that they are joining the Commission as Non-Muslims and that they accept their Non-Muslim status as made out in the Constitution. The mulla pushed forth a veiled threat, "So that there is no unrest and disorder thereafter". He self-assessed his own remarks as "Ummat e Muslima is of the same view."



Mulla Tahir Ashrafi, Chairman Pakistan Ulama Council

On any Ahmadiyya issue, Khatme Nabuwwat organization, jumps in the foray and provides leadership to Ahmadi-bashers. The Aalami Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat (AMTKN) issued a press release on April 29. It conveyed that this news was unsettling for Muslims, as this would lead to Qadianis joining peace committees, Ulama Board and inter-religion dialog as also all other such bodies in Pakistan. This step was a most evil precedent of support to Qadianis (*Qadianiat nawazi*) and an attempt to impose Qadianis on Muslims, AMTKN press release concluded.

Not content with the press release, mulla Allah Wasaya, a KN leader wrote a personal letter to Maulana Noor ul Haq Qadri, the Federal Minister of Religious Affairs conveying him the same message as the PR. "We reject the government proposal", he wrote.

Chaudhry Brothers (of PML-Q) generally side with mullas on Ahmadiyya issues, so as to buttress their depleting political standing and vote bank. This time also, they unsurprisingly echoed the mulla's stand.

At about this stage, Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan of PTI, Federal Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs issued a statement for the social media. He observed therein, "Qadianiat basically is a great mischief (*fitna*) against Islam". "Imran Khan is of the opinion that this issue of Ahmadi member in NCM is a sensitive issue; don't initiate it", Ali Muhammad disclosed. This statement of the ruling PTI minister is relevant and grave enough

to be quoted in full. It is given as a story elsewhere in this report.



Maulana Noor ul Haq Qadri—federal minister (PTI)

The Federal Minister of Religious Affairs who also holds the portfolio of Religious Harmony, Maulana Noor ul Haq Qadri clinched the issue in a video (00:42) for the social media. He said that there was no substance in the news that a Qadiani was nominated on the NCM. “We consider Khatme Nabuwwat to be a compulsory element of our faith, and we are prepared to go to any limit for this”, concluded the PTI Minister for Interfaith Harmony.

Sure enough, when the summary was prepared by the Secretary of the Religious Ministry, it proposed that representative of Ahmadi community must not be included in NCM for the religious and historical sensitivity of the issue. The cabinet approved the Summary, and announced the decision accordingly on May 5.

So, notwithstanding the Ahmadiyya position, if the mulla declares that an issue is sensitive, the government of Pakistan, even that of Mr. Imran Khan’s PTI decides to maintain status quo and refuses to do what otherwise is in national interest.

There was an interesting Tweet by one @KashifMD on May 5, 2020: “Welcome to Pakistan, country where religious minorities aren’t even allowed a voice on a minorities forum.”

Before closing this story, Ahmadiyya position on the issue (which was neither asked nor restated) should be mentioned. Ahmadiyya

Jamaat has a very principled stand on such issues. We believe that state has no right to decide someone’s faith. We never accepted the minority status and would never sit on such commissions and bodies. The Second Amendment and further legislation regarding Ahmadis breach their basic human rights and are discriminatory.

A message from a federal minister of the present government

Islamabad; April 2020: Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan is PTI’s Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs. He released a video statement on the issue of Ahmadis’ participation in the Minorities Commission. As he elaborated amply on his and PTI’s attitude towards religion and quoted Mr. Imran Khan specifically, we reproduce below its English translation, and add no comment.



Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan

(Preliminary Aooze, *Bismillah* and *Drud*)

“If you are loyal to Muhammad, we are yours, What to speak of this world, even the pen and plate is yours.

Allah created this entire universe through the blessing of Muhammad (peace be on him) and for his sake. So long as we do not believe that the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) is the last messenger and there will be no prophet after him, we simply cannot be a Muslim. One who does not believe the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) to be the last prophet; the last messenger, is not at all a Muslim. This is the difference between us and